

Congressman Childers Holds Road to Recovery Tele-Town Hall

Childers Talks with Constituents about Recovery Act's Positive Impact on North Mississippi Jobs, Economy

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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) held a live Tele-Town Hall tonight to discuss the positive impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on Mississippi's First District. Over the course of an hour, nearly 5,000 constituents called in to listen to the Congressman's remarks and ask questions.

"Tonight was an important opportunity to speak directly with North Mississippians about their questions and concerns surrounding the Recovery Act and the state of our economy," said Congressman Childers. "The Recovery Act has already made significant investments in American infrastructure, health care, and other vital areas. These immediate steps to create and save jobs and get our economy back on track will continue to benefit North Mississippi, putting thousands back to work and uplifting hard working families during tough economic times."

The Recovery Act was signed into law on February 17, and funds have already begun to be distributed. This week, the U.S. Department of Transportation will announce significant funding for ready-to-go infrastructure projects in the First District and throughout Mississippi.

Last week, Mississippi's First District was awarded \$10.6 million by the 2009 Recovery Act Capital Fund Formula Program for affordable housing modernization and development, helping to create and save jobs and provide much-needed business for the construction industry.

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